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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) No. 232/2026/RD. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17/07/2026*

S. R. O. No. 639/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995 (Central Act 43 of 1995), and in compliance with the interim order dated 15th July, 2026 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in W.P.(PIL) Nos. 117,133,135 and 139 of

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2026, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following amendment to the notification issued under G.O.(P) No. 54/2026/RD. dated 4th February, 2026 and published as S.R.O. No. 153/2026 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 449 dated 4th February, 2026, namely:—

AMENDMENT

In the said notification, for the entries against serial no.9, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:-

Smt. Madeena Beegam, Joint Secretary, Revenue Department, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram	Ex-officio member, nominated under clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 14.

By order of the Governor,

A. P. M. MOHAMMED HANISH

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Kerala State Waqf Board was reconstituted as per notification issued under G.O.(P) No. 54/2026/RD. dated 4th February, 2026, and published as S.R.O No. 153/2026 in Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.449 dated 4th February, 2026, wherein Smt. Rahana V.M., Additional Secretary, Law Department, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram was nominated as the State Government's representative. The Hon'ble High Court, as per its interim order dated 15th July 2026 directed the State Government to appoint the State Government's representative in the Waqf Board

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strictly, in accordance with clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995 (Central Act 43 of 1995), which mandates that the ex-officio member must be a Joint Secretary to the State Government dealing with waqf matters. As Smt. Rahana V.M. was an Additional Secretary in the Law Department and not the Joint Secretary handling waqf matters, her nomination was found to be inconsistent with the statutory provisions. Meanwhile, as per G.O.(Rt.) No. 3564/2026/GAD, Smt. Madeena Beegam, Joint Secretary, Fisheries and Ports Department, has been given the additional charge of Joint Secretary, Revenue Department, which handles waqf matters.

Accordingly, in compliance with the Hon'ble High Court's order and statutory requirements, the Government have decided to nominate Smt. Madeena Beegam, Joint Secretary, Revenue Department, in the place of Smt. Rahana V.M, Additional Secretary, Law Department as the ex-officio member representing the State Government in the Kerala State Waqf Board and to amend the above said notification suitably.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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